ing demands for fuel cannot be met. There will still be shortage and, therefore, we have to concentrate on planting more and more of fuel species in our forests. There is a programme which has been taken up just now, i.e., farm forestry in Block areas. That is a new programme under the Third Plan under which in each Block area waste lands will be taken up for cultivation of fuel species.

Palm jaggery

* 219 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN (on behalf of DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the targets of production of palm jaggery by the Jaggery Manufacturing Co-operative Societies for 1959–60; and

(*b*) the quantity of palm jaggery produced during that period?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 24.96 lakhs of maunds.

(*b*) 24.44 lakhs of maunds.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : இந்தக் குறைவிற்குக் காரணம் என்னவென்று அறியலாமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : 24·96-லிருந்து 24·44 ஆகியிருக்கிறது. இதில் குறைவெல்லாம் ½ மணங்குதான். இதை ஒரு குறைவாகக் கருதக்கூடாது.

Health cess

* 220 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government asking for its views on the question of levy of Health cess;

(*b*) whether the Government have communicated its views; and

(*c*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not yet communicated.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know what the view of this Government is with regard to the levy of a health cess?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is what exactly has not been communicated and until it is communicated, we cannot give the view of the Government.